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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Blue Gull V Carrier Exercise

1. The following individuals attended a conference in the office of Admiral Pierre Charbonnet, CNO, at the Pentagon at 1030 hours, 14 October 1969:



2. Admiral Charbonnet was very receptive to OSA's need and he expressed his desire to fully support the Blue Gull exercise.

3. Admiral Charbonnet emphasized that a visit by CNO and Project Headquarters personnel to Chief of Staff or Deputy Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic, Norfolk NAS, Virginia will be a definite prerequisite in obtaining a specific aircraft carrier or time.

4. The Admiral also stressed the present "troubled financial situation" and indicated that each carrier is now restricted to only 24 days of carrier deck time per quarter. Our request for 17 hours of deck time for this exercise appear to him to be rather excessive. He also indicated that supplying fuel for C-1A (COD) transport was rather insignificant when compared to the cost for aircraft carrier deck time.

5. Admiral Charbonnet will inform the undersigned when he is able to establish a specific date for the conference at

NAVY review(s) completed.

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Norfolk NAS. Hopefully this conference will be the week of 20 October. Information will be appropriately disseminated as it becomes available.

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